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COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

George W. Diemer, Superintendent of Laclede Schools, Strongly Endorsed for That Office

Brookfield Gazette.

DEAR EDITOR:—In your issue of the Gazette of January 23 I notice that you make the statement that you know of no candidate for the office of county school commissioner for the coming spring election.

Permit me to add just a word. This is an office to which the voters give but little thought or attention; yet while the salary is small it is one of the most important offices in the county.

It is looked upon by most voters as an office whereby the officer is a servant of the teachers of the county, which is a mistaken idea. He is the one who licenses the teacher or gives her the authority to instruct the youths of the county. He, in company with the other members of the county board of education, selects the text books that are used by the voters' children.

If an applicant is not qualified to teach school he is the one to say so; if he is qualified the commissioner issues the license. If the teacher becomes derelict or infamous he may revoke the certificate, which is almost the only way that a teacher's contract may be annulled. These are only a few of the many duties of the county school commissioner.

Therefore it is very important that the one filling the position as commissioner or county superintendent be a person of high educational and moral standing in the county. This is a case above all others where the office should seek the man, and such a man can be found in the person of George W. Diemer, superintendent of the Laclede public schools.

Having graduated from the Brookfield high school in 1905, he has each year since graduation taken a summer course at the Kirksville state normal school, holds an excellent five-year state certificate and is rapidly climbing the ladder of success as a teacher and an educator.

I am reliably informed that he will be a candidate for the office and if he is it is the opinion of a great majority of the teachers that he should be elected unanimously.

Having attended and taught in the country schools, no man knows better than he the requirements of a country school and its teacher. He is a tireless worker, honest and fearless. If the voters choose him the progress of the schools of the county is assured. A TEACHER.

Open New Poultry House

Monroe City News.

J. Henderson & Son, who have been the largest shippers of live poultry in the state, have this week opened a new house at Laclede, Missouri. The house will be under the management of Arthur Johnston and we can assure the citizens of that section that the firm is all right and square and the manager is an exemplary young man who stands high in his community where he was raised, and that he will give the patrons of the house full weights and a square deal.

Petitions were presented to both houses Tuesday, the signers comprising residents of every county in the state, for submission of an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor in Missouri.

M. E. Church Notes

Miss Emma Gould has returned from her eastern trip and was with her class ready to report for duty once more.

The preaching services had good attendance at both morning and evening hours. At the close of the evening service there was one accession to the church.

Clarence Adams led the Epworth League in a very acceptable manner. All who were on the program did splendidly, especially the song and drill by the Juniors.

There was a splendid attendance of the little ones at the Junior League. Easter will soon be here and there will be something good in store for all those of the Juniors who will help to entertain the older ones on that day.

The Foreign Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. Fred Weaver Wednesday afternoon. There were 25 ladies present. The regular business of the society was transacted, after which light refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Miss Laura Love.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, the Sunday school had a good attendance. The zero weather was a little severe on the smaller ones; however, the school made a record of 109. The collection, something over three dollars, was small, considering the attendance was largely older scholars.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a session at the close of the W. F. M. S. meeting last Wednesday and deciding to get busy will quilt at the home of Mrs. Bigger at the next regular meeting, Wednesday, February 17. Several plans to be talked over. The president, Mrs. Eccles, desires a full membership present.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hendrickson, who recently moved from Laclede, will be glad to learn that they will return in the near future. Bro. Hendrickson has forwarded their church letters to be recorded on the Laclede M. E. church register, where they will again make their home. They will be gladly welcomed back.

The official board met in regular session on Tuesday evening and transacted the usual monthly business for the church. Brethren, let us consider the project of putting a kneeling board around the altar rail. It is a much needed improvement, as all will testify who participate in the communion service. Give this matter your careful consideration; then act accordingly.

After adjournment of the missionary society, the Ladies' Aid Society held a short session. Several committees had reports, among which was one very important one. A new pump has been received for the parsonage well, which will be put in at once. The social of last week netted \$13.65. The committee on collection baskets were not yet ready to report. The next meeting will be in two weeks at the home of Mrs. C. C. Bigger.

Saloon Opened Up in Laclede

The old saloon building was opened up in Laclede February 3. The business will be conducted by J. Henderson & Son of Monroe City. Their business, however, will not be to sell intoxicating drinks, but to buy poultry, eggs and farm products. Your patronage solicited.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Paramulating Pencil Pusher.

Miss Mabel Hamilton entertained a large number of her young friends last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Anna Gates, who is soon to depart for her new home in California.

John Hay, who bought the Crawford farm southwest of Laclede on route one, moved here from Kansas this week, and will live in town until his farm residence is vacated next month.

W. L. Love, who runs on the Burlington between Chicago and Los Angeles, has traded his residence property in Laclede for a 90 acre farm near Lebanon, Mo. Mr. Love will continue with the Burlington this year after which he expects to remove to his farm. Mr. Powell, whom he traded with will move here in March, Mr. Love having rented the Markham residence.

In THE BLADE today will be found an advertisement of the Royal typewriter. This is the machine that is revolutionizing the typewriter business. It is the most practical typewriter built. It will do anything any other machine will do, only better and for a longer time. By buying a Royal you save from \$35 to \$40 and an endless amount of worry. Those interested are invited to call at this office and see a Royal in operation.

For every dollar paid in advance on subscription during this month THE BLADE will give 50 good envelopes neatly printed with name address. In doing this we have two objects in view the main one of which is to get as many subscriptions paid in advance as possible and the next object is to encourage people to use printed envelopes. Letters mailed in printed envelopes are always promptly returned if they fail of delivery and saves much delay and annoyance.

R. T. Dye of Laclede has been granted letters patent on a rotary hay stacker that he has lately invented. Machine men and inventors who have seen the model Mr. Dye has on display at his store pronounce it the coming stacker as it has many superior advantages over all others now in use. It picks the hay up from the ground and delivers it to any part of the stack or wagon and can be unloaded at any height up to twenty-five feet. It lays the hay on the stack just as it is taken from the ground, not dumping it over as the old style stackers do. Mr. Dye has already received several good offers for his invention.

The American Reading Circle enjoyed another of their very pleasant evenings at the home of P. F. Felt last Tuesday evening. The Circle members, with their good husbands or friends, planned to go down and surprise their genial friend. They went, and a most enjoyable time was spent in social games. Then at a seasonable hour the surprising party became the surprised, for, at the wave of the wand, lo! some fairies appeared, and a most delicious luncheon was served, followed by fruit and valentines for the party. The Circle presented Mr. Felt a book in token of the high esteem in which they hold his appreciation of their members. Departing at a late hour, all agreed that they had certainly had an evening that would always afford a bright spot in their memory.

Some Evening Reveries.

It is said there is a skeleton in every household. The skeleton is locked up—put away in a cupboard—and rarely seen. Only the people inside the house know of its existence. But the skeleton, nevertheless, cannot long be concealed. It comes to light somehow or another. The most common skeleton is poverty. Poverty is a great secret, kept at any pains by one-half of the world from the other half. When there is nothing laid by—nothing saved to relieve sickness when it comes—nothing to alleviate the wants of old age, then is the skeleton hidden away in many a cupboard. We do not value money for its own sake, and we should be the last to encourage a miserly desire to hoard among any class, but we cannot help recognizing in money the means of life, the means of comfort, the means of maintaining an honest independence. We would, therefore, recommend every young man and woman who read this paper to begin life by learning to save; to lay up for the future a certain portion of every week's earnings, be it little or much; to avoid consuming every week or every year the earnings of that week or year; and we counsel them to do this, as they would avoid the horrors of dependence, destitution and beggary. It is a true saying that a penny in the purse is better than a friend at court. The first penny saved is a step in the world. The fact of its being saved and laid up indicates self-denial, forethought, prudence and wisdom. It may be the gem of future happiness, the beginning of independence.

Old Adam is still alive, and as ready to put all the blame of his failures on the woman as he was in the garden of Eden. They would like to marry if they could only find some handsome little lady just suited to their mind, and that is to stay at home while he is away having a good time, gassing on the street or at the lodge or club room, and if these wives would follow their liege lords they would find where their lodges met oftenest. So many men have to be away on important business so wife and children just see to the chores and see that the stock is all fed and watered, for business is pressing and he must be off. He goes without a look to see how tired and worn out his better half looks, or take a thought of the days and days she stays at home longing for the loving words that he used to pour into her ears before they were married. If he comes home he is too sleepy to talk and is cross because she would like to tell him some of the trials of the day. Oh, yes women must always be sweet and pleasant and make the home happy, and see that the children don't worry poor, tired papa. She can bear it all day and half the night, but business is so much harder than worry, and work is on the wife. Of course there are exceptions to this picture, yet we know that there a multitude of cases that are no exception, and in the cause of humanity and justice we write, that peradventure, we might make some thoughtless one think, and remedy this great injustice to one that God made for a helpmate, but not for a slave.

For Sale

One Winchester pump gun No. 12; one-half dozen live decoy ducks. J. H. BROWN.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

E. P. Pennoyer spent a part of last week at Vinita, Okla.

Prosecuting Attorney I. S. Gardner was in Laclede Tuesday.

Miss Anna Ransom left Wednesday for a visit in California.

W. P. Bottiger spent a few days in the south part of the state last week.

Theo. Hetrick is here from New Mexico for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Allie Jasperson is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mize.

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Attorney C. C. Bigger spent a couple of days transacting business in St. Louis the past week.

Miss Emma Gould has returned from a pleasant visit of several weeks with her sister in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulton Hawes left Thursday for Kansas City, Mr. Hawes having employment near there.

Miss Etta Dye completed a successful term of district school near Meadville and returned home last week.

Ollin McCoy, who is attending Maupin's college at Chillicothe, spent last Sunday with home folk here.

Mrs. Chas Parker left yesterday noon for Clayton, Ill., to be at the bedside of her brother, who is sick and in a dangerous condition.

Max Jones' school in the Plum Grove district closed last week and he left Sunday to take a course at Missouri Wesleyan college, Cameron.

Mrs. Hamby and Miss Martha Goodale were over from Meadville Thursday to attend the P. E. O. meeting at the home of Miss Louise Burke.

Mrs. F. W. Keune, Jr., left Wednesday for Kansas City to join Mr. Keune, who is now railway mail clerk with headquarters at Kansas City.

Miss Della Kraft entertained her Sunday school class and their friends at her home Tuesday evening. The little ones had a most enjoyable time.

Postmaster Ormiston and Carrier Dray of Linneus were in Laclede Tuesday night enroute to Kansas City to attend a meeting of the executive committees of the postmasters' and carriers' associations.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in regular session at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Weaver last Wednesday. There was an unusual amount of business transacted. The resignations of Mrs. C. A. Clark as president, who is absent in Florida, and Mrs. J. T. Lomax, the very able vice-president, who is shortly to remove to Texas, were received and accepted. To fill the vacancies, Mrs. J. E. Welsh was elected president and Miss Laura Love vice-president. While we regret very much to lose our former efficient officers, we feel sure the society will lose none of the zeal and earnestness for which it is noted while the present officers have charge. At the close of the meeting a delicious luncheon was served. Members present, 22; visitors, 10.